



SMU Student Senate

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A RESOLUTION FOR THE 110TH STUDENT SENATE TO PLEDGE \$16,958.95 TO FULLY FUND DISPENSERS AND PRODUCT FOR STUDENT HYGIENE

WHEREAS

free and accessible menstrual products are a demonstrated need for students at Southern Methodist University; and

ACKNOWLEDGING

The Period Project was founded by Marie Joung in 2019 through a Human Rights Fellowship, and has since grown to be a chartered student organization to continue advocating for menstrual product access at SMU; and

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over 500 SMU students, faculty, and staff were surveyed in 2019 that demonstrated 31.3% of female students, faculty, and staff have missed work or class due to lack of menstrual products.

NOTING

in 2019, the 106th SMU Student Senate unanimously passed S-106-02, "A Resolution in Support of the Period Project;" and

FURTHER NOTING

during the Summer of 2022, the 109th SMU Student Senate approved The Period Project's funding request in full for \$6,115 required for the pilot phase of the project to install dispensers in three women's restrooms in Hughes-Trigg Student Center.



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RECOGNIZING

The six-month pilot phase, concluding April 10, had clear success in its positive impact on student wellness: "It makes me feel seen and that I don't have to panic," and "it lets me know that students are truly welcome here."

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

that the Student Senate, in support of the SMU Student Body, pledges \$16,958.95 from the Senate Investment Fund, towards fully funding Phase 2 of The Period Project, to install free dispensers in the proposed locations below:

- 1) Fondren, 1st floor Prothro Commons women's
- 2) Fondren, 1st floor lobby family restroom
- 3) Umph women's
- 4) Arnold women's
- 5) Dedman Rec, women's locker room
- 6) Meadows, main entryway family restroom
- 7) Dallas Hall, 1st floor stairs corner women's
- 8) Dedman Science, first floor women's
- 9) Fondren Science, first floor women's
- 10) Laura Lee Blanton, first floor women's
- 11) Collins Executive Center, first floor women's
- 12) Hyer Hall, first floor family restroom
- 13) Clements Hall, First floor family restroom
- 14) Caruth Hall, First floor women's
- 15) Annette Caldwell Simmons Hall, first floor women's
- 16) East Campus, first floor lobby women's

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

that the funding costs provide for:

- 1) 16 Feminine dispenser machines - **\$4,949.40**
- 2) 16 stainless steel sanitary Napkin disposal dispensers - **\$720.22**
- 3) Wax Liners for all 19 disposal dispensers per year - **\$436.05**
- 4) Installation by M&G - **\$4,800**



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- 5) Product for 19 dispensers for one year -
Annual cost of **\$5,703.28**
- 6) An additional **\$350.00** for any
miscellaneous costs
 - a. This amount will be returned to
Student Senate if not used for any of
the aforementioned costs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

After more than six years of sustained student advocacy, Phase 2 of The Period Project is a significant movement towards making menstrual products free and accessible for students. Therefore, we **charge** the SMU administration with carrying on annual funding for the project including product and upkeep in all women's and gender-neutral campus restrooms costing \$6,139.33 through the administration's full Operations Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The Student Senate will only fund one year worth of supply and upkeep in the 2024-25 school year and cannot see funding for the following years.

Respectfully Submitted,

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